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Hampton estimates tornado damage at \$4.3 million

Hampton City officials have completed their initial damage assessment. It shows more than \$4.3 million in damages. Of those, most were to single-family homes, with 206 damaged for a total estimated amount of \$3,552,710.

In addition:

- 99 multi-family homes: \$308,000
- 3 businesses: \$347,810
- Agricultural: \$100,000

That brings the total private damages to \$4.3 million

In addition, public property sustained damages estimated at \$57,000.

Official information from National Weather Service showed the tornado winds were 98 mph and its path was 3.5 miles long, from Chesapeake Avenue to Spratley School. A city map of the path of the tornado, based on reported damages, is attached. Red areas show pockets of damage.

The two hardest-hit neighborhoods -- Merrimac Shores and Victoria/Park Place are still without power. Many poles were snapped and lines are down. Both neighborhoods are blocked off to vehicles (even residents) while power crews replace poles and lines. The goal is to restore power by midnight tonight.

City crews are still working to clean up public areas. Debris blocking roads is the first priority. Bulk crews will begin pickups in neighborhoods as soon as they can. If possible, residents are asked to keep compostable tree debris separate from other materials so it can be composted.

Additional updates and photos can be found on the city's Facebook site (Hampton VA).

The Blackbeard Festival kicked off at 2 p.m. today downtown and will still have fireworks this evening and a full slate of events on Sunday.

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